

**CHARLOTTE WATER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 17, 2016**

Charlotte Water Advisory Committee met Thursday, November 17, 2016, 2:30 pm at 4222 Westmont Drive, Charlotte, NC.

Members Present: Barbara Bleiweis, Jim Duke, Leslie Jones, Frank McMahan, Barry Webb, Pride Patton

Members Absent: One position is vacant

Staff Present:	Barry Gullet	Director
	Ron Hargrove	Deputy Director
	Steve Miller	Customer Service Manager
	James McLeod	Interim Assistant Business Manager
	Shawn Coffman	Interim Continuous Improvement Manager
	Carl Wilson	Chief Engineer
	Jennifer Frost	Public Affairs Manager
	Karen Weatherly	Assistant City Attorney

**Safety Minute**

Use a Buddy System

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Leslie Jones, and seconded by Jim Duke, to approve the October 2016 minutes. Motion was approved.

**Financial Report**

Revenues were above for the month of October, and expenses were \$10 million below the weighted budget. The business team is currently in the budget season for the next fiscal year.

**Water Meter Upgrade Project Status Update**

Three vendor/contractor/consultant teams were invited to submit proposals for the water meter upgrade project. The department received 5 proposals from the 3 teams on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The proposals vary widely, both in terms of price range and various solutions. Additional evaluation is required due to the complexity of the proposals.

**Water/Sewer Extension Policy Review and Discussion**

City council originally adopted the Water and Sewer Extension Policy in the 1970s when consolidation of City and County utility systems created the Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Department. The policy focused on the city's outward expansion and addressed how service would be provided into the unincorporated areas of the County. Growth and development trends and patterns have changed through

the decades, and water and sewer lines now exist throughout most of the county. A substantial part of the newer development involves infill or redevelopment, and challenges to capacity due to higher density and more intense land use. These changes are driving the need to revisit the Extension Policy.

Charlotte Water staff reviewed the existing Extension Policy with the Advisory Committee and highlighted some of the areas needing attention including:

- Water service along private streets and in private development
- Acquisition of or interface with other private or public water/sewer systems
- Capacity related expansion needs

More discussion of these and other policy issues is planned for future meetings.

### **Hot Topics**

1. The department has received a number of awards this year, including Utility of the Future Today, Collection System of the Year, Partnership for Safe Water for Franklin water treatment plant, NACWA awards for all 5 wastewater treatment plants, and a CDC award for fluoridation consistency. One person was recognized for the Fuller Award, and two were inducted in the 5S society. The Operations Challenge team also won the state title and will be going to the national competition in the fall to represent the state.
2. The drought status has been upgraded to Stage 1, which includes requirements for voluntary water conservation by utility customers.
3. The Charlotte Water Advisory Committee will not meet in December. A motion was made by Leslie Jones and seconded by Frank McMahan. Motion was approved.

**Meeting Adjourned – 3:59 pm**

**KCJ**